

Table 3. Natural Gas Consumption in the United States, 1996-2002
(Billion Cubic Feet)

Year and Month	Lease and Plant Fuel ^a	Pipeline Fuel ^b	Delivered to Consumers					Total Consumption
			Residential	Commercial ^c	Industrial	Electric Utilities	Total	
1996 Total	1,250	711	5,241	3,161	8,870	2,732	20,006	21,967
1997 Total	1,203	751	4,984	3,219	8,832	2,968	20,004	21,959
1998 Total	1,173	635	4,520	3,005	8,686	3,258	19,469	21,277
1999 Total	1,079	645	4,726	3,050	9,006	3,113	19,895	21,620
2000								
January	⁹⁷	73	862	454	835	190	2,342	^R 2,511
February	⁸⁹	67	774	423	809	167	2,174	2,331
March	^R 98	59	550	353	785	208	1,894	^R 2,052
April	⁹²	51	401	259	767	215	1,640	^R 1,785
May	^R 96	46	228	183	772	309	1,492	^R 1,636
June	^R 93	43	154	150	767	307	1,378	^R 1,515
July	^R 97	43	128	139	746	373	1,387	^R 1,528
August	^R 97	47	122	153	825	410	1,510	^R 1,655
September	^R 94	42	141	151	765	284	1,340	^R 1,476
October	^R 99	44	236	184	793	213	1,426	1,568
November	^R 94	55	482	293	806	180	1,761	^R 1,910
December	^R 97	75	913	475	843	187	2,418	^R 2,591
Total	1,144	644	4,992	3,226	9,512	3,043	20,772	^R 22,560
2001								
January	^E 99	74	984	500	788	158	2,430	2,603
February	^E 89	64	784	424	744	144	2,096	2,249
March	^E 100	62	685	376	782	172	2,016	2,178
April	^E 96	50	402	257	731	212	1,603	^R 1,748
May	^E 98	^R 41	210	166	699	236	^R 1,311	1,451
June	^E 94	^R 38	148	137	663	261	1,209	1,341
July	^E 97	42	125	132	707	357	1,320	1,459
August	^E 97	42	118	^R 137	724	361	^R 1,340	1,480
September	^E 93	^R 38	129	143	688	255	1,215	1,347
October	^E 98	^R 43	240	^R 187	714	225	1,366	1,507
November	^E 95	45	366	230	697	151	1,445	1,585
December	^E 98	57	617	347	719	153	1,836	^R 1,990
Total	^E1,153	^R598	4,809	^R3,035	8,656	2,686	^R19,187	^R20,938
2002								
January	^E 96	^R 65	821	^R 433	^R 732	147	^R 2,133	^R 2,295
February	^E 86	59	704	394	^R 680	137	^R 1,915	^R 2,060
March	^E 97	^R 59	666	375	^R 717	161	^R 1,919	^R 2,075
April	^E 93	48	419	266	^R 678	169	^R 1,533	^R 1,674
May	^E 97	41	259	193	^R 657	180	^R 1,288	^R 1,426
June	^E 94	38	164	153	^R 656	229	^R 1,202	^R 1,334
July	^E 98	^R 40	128	^R 137	^R 712	294	^R 1,271	^R 1,409
August	^E 97	^R 40	117	^R 142	^R 726	288	^R 1,273	^R 1,410
September	^E 90	37	125	^R 146	^R 668	226	^R 1,165	^R 1,292
October	^{RE} 93	^R 41	250	^R 200	^R 686	173	^R 1,310	^R 1,444
November	^{RE} 96	^R 49	^R 489	^R 301	^R 664	123	^R 1,576	^R 1,721
December	^E 97	62	773	408	695	115	1,991	2,150
Total	^E1,133	580	4,915	3,147	8,272	2,243	18,577	20,289

^a Plant fuel data and lease fuel data are collected only annually. Monthly lease and plant fuel use is estimated from monthly marketed production by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^b Pipeline fuel use is collected only on an annual basis. Monthly pipeline fuel data are estimated from monthly total consumption(excluding pipeline fuel) by assuming that the preceding annual percentage remains constant for the next twelve months.

^c Vehicle fuel is included in the annual total of deliveries to commercial consumers for 1996-2000 but not in the monthly volumes. Volumes delivered for use as vehicle fuel (in billion cubic feet) were 2.9 in 1996, 4.4 in 1997, 5.1 in 1998, 5.7 in 1999, and 8.3 in 2000.

^R Revised Data.

^E Estimated Data.

^{RE} Revised Estimated Data.

Notes: Data for 1996 through 2000 are final. All other data are preliminary unless otherwise indicated. Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding. Beginning in 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. See Explanatory Note 5 for further explanation.

Sources: 1996-2000: Energy Information Administration (EIA): Form EIA-895 "Monthly Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Report," Form EIA-857, "Monthly Report of Natural Gas Purchases and Deliveries to Consumers," Form EIA-759, "Monthly Power Plant Report," EIA computations, and *Natural Gas Annual 2000*. January 2001 through the current month: EIA: Form EIA-895, Form EIA-857, and Form EIA-759. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 5, for computation procedures and revision policy.